

Thompson (MS)	Walden (OR)	Westmoreland
Thornberry	Walsh (NY)	Wexler
Tiahrt	Walz (MN)	Whitfield
Tiberi	Wamp	Wicker
Tierney	Wasserman	Wilson (NM)
Towns	Schultz	Wilson (OH)
Turner	Waters	Wilson (SC)
Udall (CO)	Watson	Wolf
Udall (NM)	Watt	Woolsey
Upton	Waxman	Wu
Van Hollen	Weiner	Wynn
Velázquez	Welch (VT)	Yarmuth
Visclosky	Weldon (FL)	Young (AK)
Walberg	Weller	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—14

Aderholt	Johnson, Sam	Obey
Burton (IN)	Lucas	Poe
Buyer	McCarthy (CA)	Rogers (AL)
Calvert	Napolitano	Rogers (KY)
Hunter	Norwood	

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So (two-thirds of those being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to my leave of absence, if I had been present earlier today, I would have voted as follows on today's recorded votes:

Rollcall No. 27—"Yea"—H. Con. Res. 31—Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to increase equal employment opportunities in the military;

Rollcall No. 28—"Yea"—H.R. 434—Short Term Extension of the Small Business Administration;

Rollcall No. 29—"Nay"—Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5;

Rollcall No. 30—"Nay"—Adoption of the Rule for H.R. 5;

Rollcall No. 31—"Yea"—Republican Motion to Recommit for H.R. 5;

Rollcall No. 32—"Nay"—Final Passage of H.R. 5; and

Rollcall No. 33—"Yea"—H. Res. 58—To Honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

## DOMESTIC TERROR

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, a new terrorist has just been captured in Florida. Not an international terrorist, but a homegrown domestic one.

The facts are hard to comprehend, but here they are, according to the Associated Press. A husband took his wife on a canoe trip, and finding a wilderness spot, he took her ashore and then he raped her. He tied his naked wife to a tree and assaulted her with the butt of a knife. He let her hang on the tree for over 2 hours, then he took her off and raped her again. All the while, get this, he was videotaping this ghastly, dastardly crime. This crime is one of intimidation, degradation and humiliation.

Mr. Speaker, rape is a crime where the deviant tries to destroy the soul of the victim. When the assault occurs in

the family, the domestic rape is even worse.

Now the hubby is facing a multitude of criminal charges, as it ought to be. Wives are not male property and these crimes are not to be excused as a domestic problem.

The offender should be given quick, accurate justice, and then tell him to pack his toothbrush, because justice is a thing we are going to find and demand life behind bars in this case.

And that's just the way it is.

## WORKING FOR A SAFE AND SECURE IRAQ

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I certainly agree with my colleague from Texas. We must really approach violence, wherever it is, and I thank him for his words.

Mr. Speaker, so many of us as Members have confronted families who have lost loved ones on the battlefields of Iraq. We realize that not one of those fallen soldiers would in any way step away from their duty. So today I rise to thank them.

But because of their commitment to their Nation, I believe as policy makers we have a commitment to them, and it is imperative that this body and the other body not engage in nonbinding resolutions, when the American people have asked us to bring our troops home, when the President of the United States has not begun to consider alternatives such as political diplomacy, when there is no recognition that the Congress is an equal branch of government and can in fact cease the funding.

We must have a new direction. We must have a safe and secure Iraq. We can work for both, but we must have the respect and mutuality of the three branches of government.

## A POORLY KEPT SECRET

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pass along some inside information to the American people. By the way, this is the most poorly kept secret in Congress. Big surprise: The Democrats want to raise taxes, again.

Never mind that tax revenues increased by 11.5 percent last year because of strong economic growth, economic growth created by the Bush tax cuts over the last 6 years. Never mind, never mind, the economy is strong. Never mind that last year the U.S. Government took in more revenue than any government in history. Actually, in the history of the planet.

But yet that is not enough revenue for the Democrats' plans, yet they talk about pay-as-you-go in order to tax the American people more.

This is a poorly kept secret, that the tax and spend Democrats are indeed still tax and spend Democrats.

## TRIBUTE TO BENNY PARSONS

(Mr. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to call attention to the loss of one of the foremost members of the racing community. Benny Parsons passed away on Tuesday.

Benny was a wonderful friend, not only to the industry, but to mankind. Benny lived a wonderful life. He set many records. He was the first person to drive a stockcar over 200 miles an hour, and won many, many championships. A native and resident of North Carolina, he will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, this body extends our sympathy and gratitude to the Parsons family and his wife, Terri, for the many, many services Benny has provided.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

## A SAD DAY IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day in the history of America. Two law enforcement officers who have given years of their life in service to this Nation have entered Federal prison today for shooting a drug smuggler.

This is a black mark for the President and his administration. U.S. Border Patrol agents Ramos and Compean were found guilty in a Federal court last spring for wounding a Mexican drug smuggler who brought 743 pounds of marijuana across our southern border into Texas.

Many of us in Congress have written letters asking the President to consider pardoning these agents, a request that is justified by serious questions about the prosecution of this case, including both the indictment and the process. These agents never should have been prosecuted for their actions last year, yet they have been sentenced to 11 years and 12 years in Federal prison respectively.

These agents do not deserve to spend one day in prison. By attempting to apprehend an illegal alien drug smuggler, these agents were simply doing their jobs to protect the American people. The extraordinary details surrounding the prosecution of this case assure that justice was not served. These agents should have been commended for their actions. Instead, the U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted the agents and granted full immunity to the drug smuggler for his testimony against our agents.

The drug smuggler received full medical care in El Paso, Texas, was permitted to return to Mexico, and is now